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SUBJECT: SFO-GVA-VIII: (U) EXPANDED AD HOC GROUP MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

CLASSIFIED BY: Rose A. Gottemoeller, Assistant Secretary, Department of State, VCI; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

[1](#)1. (U) This is SFO-GVA-VIII-084.

[1](#)2. (U) Meeting Date: February 25, 2010

Time: 11:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Place: Russian Mission, Geneva

SUMMARY

[1](#)3. (S) During the Expanded Ad Hoc Group meeting held at the Russian Mission on February 11 the sides briefly discussed the definitions for deployed, non-deployed and test heavy bombers and modifications to treaty Articles III and IV. The sides quickly agreed on the three definitions and text modifications to the Articles. End summary.

[1](#)4. (S) SUBJECT SUMMARY: Definitions for Deployed, Non-Deployed Heavy Bombers and Test Heavy Bombers; Modifications to Articles III and IV.

DEFINITIONS OF DEPLOYED, NON-DEPLOYED
AND TEST HEAVY BOMBERS

15. (S) Warner said he wanted to confirm the definitions for deployed, non-deployed and test heavy bombers, as well as propose some treaty text which would need to be amended in order to coincide with the new definitions and capture the counting rule for the limit of 800 deployed and non-deployed launcher and heavy bombers. Warner read the three definitions, and the Russian delegation concurred with each, as they had been developed by the Definitions Working Group.

Begin text:

Deployed Heavy Bomber

The term "deployed heavy bomber" means a heavy bomber equipped for nuclear armaments, other than a test heavy bomber or a heavy bomber located at a repair facility or at a production facility.

Non-deployed heavy bomber

The term "non-deployed heavy bomber" means a test heavy bomber or a heavy bomber equipped for nuclear armaments located at a repair facility or at a production facility.

Test Heavy Bomber

The term "test heavy bomber" means a heavy bomber equipped for nuclear armaments designated exclusively for testing and based at a flight test center for heavy bombers.

End text.

MODIFICATIONS TO ARTICLES III AND IV

16. (S) Ambassador Ries gave the Russian delegation the proposed treaty text for Article III, paragraph 2(bis) and Article IV, paragraph 8. This text contained amended counting rules under the 800 deployed and non-deployed strategic delivery vehicle limit. The text also contained a revised locational restriction on non-deployed heavy bombers. Ries explained the U.S.-proposed locational restriction was a hybrid between an earlier U.S. proposal and Russian text passed to A/S Gottemoeller by Ambassador Antonov. After conferring among themselves, the Russian delegation concurred with both proposals and requested that both proposals and the revised definitions be sent to the Conforming Group.

Begin text:

Proposed Joint Draft Text for Article III

13. For purposes of counting toward the aggregate limit provided for in subparagraph 1(c) of Article II of this Treaty:

- (a) Each deployed launcher of ICBMs shall be counted as one.
- (b) Each non-deployed launcher of ICBMs shall be counted as one.
- (c) Each deployed launcher of SLBMs shall be counted as one.
- (d) Each non-deployed launcher of SLBMs shall be counted as one.
- (e) Each deployed heavy bomber shall be counted as one.
- (f) Each non-deployed heavy bomber shall be counted as one.

Proposed Joint Draft Text for Article IV.

18. Each Party shall base test heavy bombers only at heavy bomber flight test centers. Non-deployed heavy bombers other than test heavy bombers shall be located only at repair facilities or production facilities for heavy bombers.

End text.

17. (S) Warner indicated that these were the only topics the United States intended to discuss, and asked Ilin whether he had any other topics which could be discussed at present. Ilin inquired about the status of the U.S. Agreed Statement on Vandenberg Air Force Base. Mr. Elliott said that while there was no proposal today, he hoped to have Washington's response prior to the Russian departure from Geneva this weekend.

18. (U) Documents provided:

- United States

-- Proposal of the U.S. Concerning Heavy Bomber Terms), dated February 25, 2010.

19. (U) Participants:

UNITED STATES

Amb Ries

Mr. Dean

Mr. Elliott

Mr. Fraley

LTC Litterini (RO)

Mr. Siemon

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Trout

Dr. Warner

Ms. Zdravecky

Ms. Smith (Int)

RUSSIA

Col Ilin

Mr. Koshelev

Adm Kuznetsov

Gen-Maj Orlov

Col Ryzhkov

Col Zaitsev

Ms. Evarovskaya (Int)

¶10. (U) Gottemoeller sends.
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